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Maternity ward in the Local Fund Hospital, Ottapalam.

* 183 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a building for a maternity ward of ten beds has been donated to the Local Fund Hospital, Ottapalam, as a bequest by Sri E. P. Raman Nayar; and

(*b*) whether there are beds or equipment for the maternity ward?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to explain what he means by ' Yes ' ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A maternity ward with ten beds has been constructed by the Malabar District Board with the donation received from Sri C. P. Madhava Menon, Ottapalam Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society and Panchayat Board and it has been named E. P. Raman Nair Ward."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister has not answered the second part of my question."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, there are ten beds. Furniture and necessary equipment have been supplied."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Has the ward been provided with staff such as nurses and so on? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I said the ward has been provided with furniture, equipment and linen. It means that there must be the necessary staff also." (Laughter.)

Arrears due from the Tramway Company for the supply of electricity.

* 184 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of arrears due to the Government from the Tramway Company; and

(*b*) the total number of tram cars of the Tramway Company and the number out of them which are in working condition?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—

" (*a*) According to the revised rates adopted by the Electricity Department, the arrears due from the Company for electricity supplied to it, work out to Rs. 9,26,186–2–3 as against the liability for a sum of Rs. 3½ lakhs roughly, admitted by the Company.

" (*b*) The Company had at the time of closing down its service on the 11th April 1953 about 109 tram cars. The Government have no information as to the number of cars in working condition."